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For : PRODUCTION OF KNOCKDOWN ANIMAL VIA INTRODUCTION
OF DOUBLE-STRANDED EXPRESSION VECTOR



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documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

CAPECCHI et al., "Altering the Genome by Homologous Recombination", Science, Vol. 244, pp. 1288-1292 (1989). Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

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SHINAGAWA et al., "Generation of *Ski*-knockdown mice by expressing a long double-strand RNA from an RNA polymerase II promoter", *Genes & Development*, Vol. 17, No. 11, pp. 1340-1345 (2003);

International Patent Publication No. WO 99/32619. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the present application;

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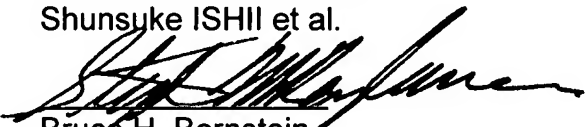
Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of

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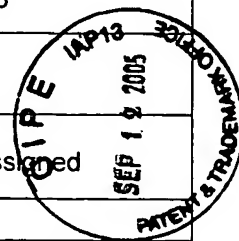
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